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FRIDAY

# Fort Riley Post



## Soldiers help sick daily

By Steven Cooke  
19th PAD

While many soldiers are dragging themselves out of bed for PT, other soldiers are wide-awake taking care of the sick and injured.

When the Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic opens in the morning the first order of business is sick call.

"With sick call I just want to treat the soldiers as fast as possible so they can get back to their units," said Sgt. 1st Class Antwan Nicholson, Noncommissioned Officer In Charge, Medical Department Activity.

Sick call lasts from 6 a.m. to 8 a.m., explained Nicholson. On average, Nicholson and his staff of 12 soldiers see 100 patients during one day's sick call.

Some common ailments soldiers suffer from are colds, nausea, vomiting and surprisingly ingrown toenails. The treatment for ingrown toenails is full or partial toenail removal, said Sgt. Aaron Hansen, combat medic, 1st Battalion 41st Infantry. "Toe nail removal is very common among soldiers," Hansen said. "It's very routine."

Other routine procedures per-

formed at the CTMC are physicals.

"We have about 20 soldiers, every morning," explained Nicholson. The CTMC usually only treats soldiers, but they also treat family members for physicals when the family is moving to a new permanent duty station.

The CTMC also has its very own pharmacy on site. "The pharmacy is here for the soldiers convenience," said Nicholson. "So they don't have to go all the way to Irwin Army Community Hospital for medication." Nicholson said the pharmacy carries common medication like antibiotics and inflammatory.

The CTMC is capable of providing most kinds of treatment, though cardiac problems are sent to the Irwin Army Community Hospital. Also, specializations like the ear, nose and throat problems are treated elsewhere, explained Nicholson.

When asked what a typical day is like, most of the soldiers working at CTMC say same thing: "Busy." "I like to stay busy, but some days it just seems like sick call goes on and on," said Pvt. 1st Class Jennifer McElveen, clinical specialist, Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion.

When asked what the best part of their job was, the answers from the soldiers at CTMC were very different. "Sticking the patients," said Spec. Marlene Raymond, medic, Co. C, 101st FSB. "This way I know for sure they are up to date on their immunizations before they deploy."

"I'm performing my job everyday, so it gives me job skills for the outside world," said Spec. Lavincent Harris, medical laboratory specialist, MEDDAC.

"Working with the physician assistants, learning something new everyday," said McElveen, as to what was the best part of her job.

"I enjoy helping people," said Spec. Arturo Anzaldua, health care specialist, MEDDAC. "[The best part of my job] is when you see people in pain and you know you can help them."

"Satisfaction that I'm doing something for the good of the soldier," said Capt. Francis Koopman, physician assistant, Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion.

The challenges though, do not vary as much.

"Staying constant," said Raymond. "Staying on top of all the changes in the immunizations. The typhoid vaccination went from being given every five years to every two years," Raymond explained.

"The hardest thing is how often things change in the medical field and keeping up with current medical treatment," said McElveen.

"Not knowing all the answers," said Capt. Koopman. "If I don't know the answers, I can't give the patients what they need."

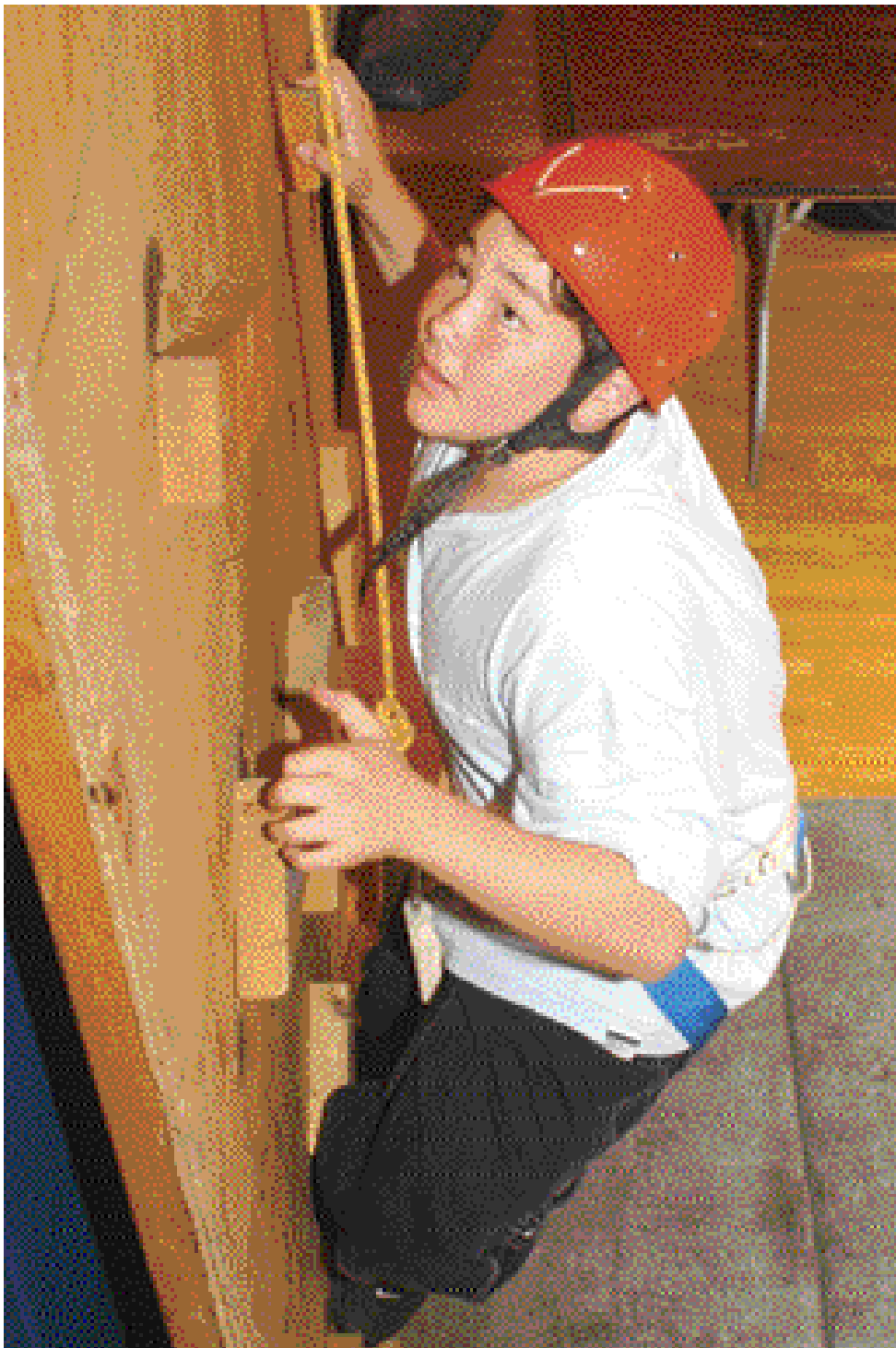
Some of the soldiers had ideas as to what improvements could be made to give the best care. "I wish we had more space to have more resources," said Anzaldua.

"Having refresher courses would help," McElveen added. "Maybe once a month."

For the soldiers at CTMC, making the soldier happy is a top priority.

"Customer service is most important," said Anzaldua. "We

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**Eighth grader Jeff Sheehan climbs a wall set up by the Boy Scouts during the Wellness Fair at Fort Riley Middle School on Tuesday. This was the fourth year for the fair. See more on the fair in next weeks Fort Riley Post.**

## Army study identifies NCO concerns, raises issues

By Joe Burlas

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- NCOs want better information as to how they stack up technically, tactically and leadership-wise with their peers, according to the latest round of the Army Training and Leader Development Panel study.

Based upon written surveys, focus groups and one-on-one interviews with more than 30,000 active-duty, Reserve and National

Guard soldiers and spouses, the panel's NCO study results were released yesterday.

"The NCO study is another example of the extraordinary integrity and credible authority of the chief of staff of the Army's Training and Leader Development Panel," said Brig. Gen. David Huntoon, executive agent for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "This report is about the U.S. Army taking a bold and forthright look at itself --

expressed in the clear and courageous voice of its soldiers. It's about the human dimension leading Transformation. And, it is about making a great, professional noncommissioned officer corps even better."

The NCO ATLDP results raised many of the same issues of an officer ATLDP study conducted in 2000. The officer study results were released last May.

Both studies agreed that Army practices are out of balance with

soldier beliefs, the Noncommissioned Officer Education System needs improvement, there is a need for more trust and less micromanagement between seniors and subordinates, training resources need to be maintained, improved and provided as required and that pay and benefits could be better.

Combined Arms Center Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett, who purposely chose not to review the officer study

findings in order not to be prejudiced when evaluating the NCO data, said she wasn't surprised that the two outcomes were so similar.

"The NCO study just validates the earlier officer study -- there are some real issues here that must be examined," Pritchett said. "It also shows the Army's commitment to its people -- that the Army is not afraid and needs to take a close look at itself."

There was one comment from an NCO that did surprise

many of the panel members, Pritchett said. The NCO wrote that he did not feel responsible when one of his soldiers failed to perform or meet standards. That comment reinforced many survey participants' views that top-down training management leaves little, if any, time for NCOs to conduct their own sergeant's time training, she said.

The study found that there is a need for more consistent

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## Open House will feature honor guard, military dogs

By Staff Reports

Some of Fort Riley's active duty members don't wear combat boots or camouflage, but their roles in the history of America's Army and the security of the installation are just as vital.

Soldiers from the Fort Riley Honor Guard and 523rd's Military Working Dogs will explain their units' history and demonstrate their animals' skills at Fort Riley's Open House June 1.

The Honor Guard, comprised

demonstrations a year within a 500-mile radius, but they have appeared in the 2001 Presidential Inaugural Parade in Washington D.C. and are continually requested for other events with national interest.

During the Open House, the Honor Guard will have several opportunities to demonstrate their capabilities and show off their equipment and horses.



said Capt. Shane Prunte, Honor Guard commander.

According to Prunte, the Honor Guard will perform three times during the Open House.

"The honor guard will have three shows; 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 a.m." he said.

Staff Sgt. Melissa Burson, Kennelmaster for the Military Working Dog section, is bringing three of her highly trained dog teams to the Open House.

several dogs trained in the areas of Patrol, Patrol/Narcotic Detection, and Patrol/Explosive Detection.

"We have two different breeds here, one is the German Shepherd and the other is the Belgian Mallinois," said Burson.

"We will be conducting a K9 capability demonstration," said Burson. "The teams will be demonstrating obedience, narcotic and explosive detection, six phases of controlled aggression, and a subject apprehension."

### More food booths needed

Similar to Apple Day and the OCSC Spring Bazaar, Fort Riley's Open House on June 1 will allow Family Readiness Groups to raise money through concessions.

As many as 50,000 people are expected to visit Fort Riley June 1, meaning the opportunity to raise thousands of dollars is available.

"Groups can raise anywhere from \$400 to \$4,500 depending on the items they sell," said Jeff Leedy, chief, business operations division. "They can select from several recommended foods that are known to be successful."

A Fest Tent will be set up on Cavalry Parade Field in the center of it for vendors and FRGs.

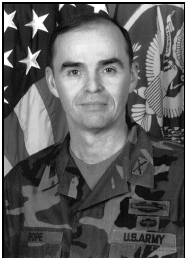
So far, groups have signed up to sell bratwurst, sloppy joes, hot



# Fort Riley Garrison Commander inducted into OCS Hall of Fame

By Scott Price  
Community Relations

When Col. Philip T. Pope, the Fort Riley Garrison Commander, was inducted in the Officer Candidate School's (OCS) Hall of Fame two weeks ago, it did not seem real that he was being honored on the same stage that he had received his commission in 1977.



Col. Philip T. Pope

"It was a very humbling experience," Pope said. "I kept thinking that I'm here today because of the hard work of literally hundreds of soldiers, NCOs, peers, mentors and my especially my family." Pope went on to say that when he polished the old brass cannon in front of Wigle Hall, the building that houses the Hall of Fame, as an officer candidate he never dreamed

that one day his photograph would hang in one of the galleries. "We're very proud of everything he has accomplished as a soldier, as a young soldier, an officer candidate and as a commissioned officer," his wife LaVerne said. "I kept thinking could it have been this long? I remember, as if it were yesterday, him standing there as a second lieutenant and now he's a colonel." She added that she was very impressed with the young officer candidates that she met at the ceremony. "They all seemed so proud to be serving their country and I feel very confident that when it is our time to head home, we will be leaving our Army and Country in good hands." Pope recounted that as he stood before the crowd being honored he mind kept turning to memories and faces of people who had left an indelible mark on his life and career. "I remembered Capt. Carl J. Van Gorder, who encouraged me to take the OCS test and become an officer and Ed Schwabe, my first company commander who still

mentors me," he said. "Ed took me under his wing and molded me into an adequate officer." Officers were not the only ones who left their mark on the young soldier. "I remember Sgt. 1st Class "Big Daddy" Rucker just like it was yesterday," Pope recalled. "He was tough disciplinarian who didn't mind getting up in my face. He kept me walking the straight and narrow." He also recalled Sgt. 1st Class Jano Davis, a tough Korean War veteran and his first platoon sergeant. "Sergeant First Class Davis kept me out of trouble as a young officer. He would bring me into the platoon CP and say, 'Sir, this is what we need to be doing now,'" Pope recounted. "He was an excellent noncommissioned officer." "These are the guys I recalled during the ceremony, them, and my brother." Behind his desk a small photograph rests almost invisible on a shelf. Upon closer examination an observer can determine that it is a small portion of the black granite wall of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington D. C. bearing the name

'George R. Pope.' "My brother was killed in Vietnam in 1968 and that had a profound effect on me. He had been in country nine months when he died," Pope said. "That was my primary motivation for joining the military. I felt that somehow I owed it to my brother to join the Army and serve our Nation." Pope explained that he was a young man from Turkey, North Carolina, who was "trying to find himself." "I did not believe then that the Army would be my life's work," he added. "I can tell you that." He explained that the loss of his brother in combat led directly to him enlisting in the Army in 1971 as a 90 and 106mm recoilless rifle gunner. "When we fired, it felt like all of my teeth would fall out," he said smiling. "But we sure had fun with them." By the time he had earned enough college credits to attend OCS he had attained the rank of E-5 or "buck sergeant" as he calls it. Pope added that he sincerely believes his time as an enlisted sol-

dier helped him maintain his perspective at times. "I can honestly relate to the problems of a young NCO because I have been his shoes," he said. Pope remembered his days at OCS as a hectic time and that the tactical officers sure kept the candidates busy from before sunup until way after it set. The secret pleasure at all the candidates enjoyed was "illegal pizza" smuggled in from the famous Airborne Snack Bar. "Needless to say that from time to time we broke the rules," he said smiling. Upon commissioning as a second lieutenant in the Infantry, he married his sweetheart LaVerne Dixon and served five year as with the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he commanded a company. During his advanced course, he went to college at night on the "bootstrap" program hoping to complete his college degree since he had entered OCS with the minimum requirement of 60 hours of college credit. The OCS Hall of Fame was established in 1958 to honor gradu-

ates of the Army's Officer candidate programs who had rendered great service to our nation, according to Maj. Rick Crowther, the program's executive officer. To date the Hall of Fame has inducted 2,128 former officer candidates into the ranks of those honored. "The Hall of Fame automatically honors those graduates who have been awarded the Medal of Honor or attained the rank of General Officer," Crowther said. "A board convenes annually to consider other OCS graduates who have distinguished themselves in the military or civilian careers." Looking back Pope said that he feels he has had a good career in the military. "I have lived in open bay barracks, had the opportunity to become an officer and I have served my Nation in combat," he said. "Looking back, I'd may change some individual decisions I made but in the big scheme of things, I'd do it all again!

## Fort Riley Post, journalist win FORSCOM, Army-wide awards

By Staff Reports

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz recognized Fort Riley's Public Affairs Office April 8, for their achievements in the annual Keith L. Ware Journalism Competition. The office received five Forces Command Awards and one Department of the Army-level award for 2001. Christie Vanover was named the FORSCOM Civilian Journalist of the Year for the third year in a row and received honorable mention at DA for the second year in a row. The Fort Riley Post online was named the best newspaper website in FORSCOM for the third year in a row. Individual awards also went out to Sgt. Kevin Doheny and James Pritchett. Doheny received

third place in the commentary category, and Pritchett received second place in the graphics category, in which Vanover also placed third. Metz presented each of the award recipients with their FORSCOM plaques and a commander's coin. The annual Keith L. Ware Journalism Competition honors Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware who was a public affairs officer in the Vietnam War and was killed in action. The parade field in front of Fort Riley's headquarter's building is also named in his honor. "I am honored to win the FORSCOM Civilian Journalist of the Year Award," said Vanover. "It means a lot to me to represent Fort Riley, FORSCOM and the Army."

"Army newspapers are important to military communities," Vanover said. "America's soldiers come from all walks of life. The Army is a true melting pot of races, religions and cultures. However, despite the vast differences soldiers have, they all share the love for the Army and their nation. Army newspapers help tie soldiers together by highlighting their diversities, while focusing on their common ground." "Our newspaper and website offer a well-balanced menu," said Gary Skidmore, Command Information Officer. "There are sports, commentary and news in each issue of the paper. Our community is represented well and we always look for better ways to tell the Army story." Skidmore also said Army

newspapers are the commander's way to get information to his soldiers. The Public Affairs Office is not only setting the example with their post newspaper but they now have a half-hour commercial television show on Fox 43, which is broadcast out of Topeka. Skidmore said they are doing whatever it takes to cover all the bases of distributing information. "Our long-range strategy for this office is to ensure the Public Affairs mission remains a combat multiplier for the Command Group," said Maj. Todd Livick, Public Affairs Officer. "I am a combat arms officer at heart and will always be. The PAO world is an arena one cannot master overnight. We have the energy and passion for our

profession, which others try to implement. We need leaders to learn how to effectively and routinely use us and the media to tell their story." "We continually strive to improve the paper, T.V. show, online paper and everything else we produce at the Public Affairs

Office," Skidmore said. "We continually seek improvement and involvement from the community with our stringer writing courses offered once a quarter. So, if we can't cover an event, there can be someone there to write well enough to input into the paper."

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standards and better enforcement of those standards. Part of this issue reflects back to the perceived need to improve NCOES, because many Mission Training Plans are outdated or nonexistent. The MTP is a formal document that lays out the individual, leader and collective tasks, conditions and standards that each type of Army unit can expect to perform in carrying out its mission. "There was a time that everyone in the Army trained to published tasks, conditions and standards," said retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Robert Hall, who served as a senior mentor to NCO ATLDP members. "For many reasons -- top-down management, JPTempo, 9-11, lack of current MTPs -- the Army has slipped from training that way. There is a real need to ground the new generation (of NCOs) with using cur-

rent MTPs." While survey participants did not fault the NCO Evaluation Report per se, they said it was not being used effectively to provide the feedback they need to improve, according to Pritchett. "Let's face it, people in the Army are competitive by nature," she said. "They want to know how they're doing compared to their peers. The NCO-ER just isn't doing that." Many of the respondents, especially among the younger NCOs, said they would like to see something like the old military occupational specialty tests that were

given annually more than 20 years ago, Pritchett said. About one-third of NCOs surveyed do not believe NCOs maintain MOS skill proficiency, while more than half said unit mission essential tasks are not being trained to standard, stated the study's final report. "Don't look for any fixes coming out of this study because the NCO corps isn't broken," Hall said. "The NCO corps isn't like a rusty old heap sitting in the driveway; it is like a Mercedes just needing a wash and a wax. This study will help arm Army leadership with the facts it needs to

make decisions that will ensure the NCO corps' and the Army's successes of the past 226 years will keep pace with Transformation." The final report on the NCO ATLDP study should be posted on the web today at [www.army.mil/features/ATLD-NCO.htm](http://www.army.mil/features/ATLD-NCO.htm). The earlier officer report is located at [www.army.mil/features/ATLD/ATLD.htm](http://www.army.mil/features/ATLD/ATLD.htm). Two additional ATLDP studies are underway: one surveying warrant officers, and another reviewing the attitudes and opinions of Department of the Army civilians.

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**Julius Russell, Jr., plays with beans at the Youth Center. Approximately 350 parents and kids rode ponies, watched a puppet show and played with clowns during this year's 'Month of the Military Child' festival on Saturday at the Youth Center on Fort Riley. See story page 12.**

## Tax change means more service members qualify for Earned Income Credit

*By Jim Garamone*  
*American Forces Press*

WASHINGTON -- Tax changes affecting reportable ncome for this year will mean nore service members qualify for he earned income tax credit, said Defense Department officials.

Congress has changed the way ncome is figured and the way the redit is paid. Uniformed military members will be the chief benefi- cians, according to Army Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, executive lirector of the Armed Forces Tax ouncil.

In the past, he said, the basic llowances for housing and sub- sistence and pay excluded from ncome due to combat zone ser- vice was included in calculating vhether a person qualified for the arned income tax credit. The redit was "paid" with the filing of one's annual income tax return.

"This year Congress is only going to make you include the money in your taxable income," Emswiler said. The allowances and tax exclusion won't count as arned income when computing he credit, he noted. In addition, Thrift Savings Program contribu- tions also will be excluded.

"What this means is that more members are going to qualify for arned income credit this year han ever did previously," he said.

The earned income credit is for mployees who don't make a lot of money. Income limits this year re \$29,201 (30,201 if married fil- ing jointly) if you have one quali- ying child; \$33,178 (34,178 if narried filing jointly) if you have nore than one qualifying child nd \$11,060 (\$12,060 if married iling jointly) if you do not have a qualifying child. Other rules also pply.

Refundable credits, like the arned income tax credit, are vorth more than deductions ecause they reduce income taxes ollar for dollar and the govern- ment pays the taxpayer any credit emaining after the tax due falls to ero. For most people claiming he credit, deductions would

reduce taxes by 28 cents or less on the dollar and then only to zero.

Instead of waiting for a lump- sum annual credit payment, tax- payers can request advance monthly installments now if they expect both their annual earned income and adjusted gross income to be less than \$29,201 (\$30,201 if married filing jointly); they have or expect to have at least one qualifying child; and they expect to qualify for the credit in tax year 2002.

Service members with ques- tions about the credit should visit their installation Defense Finance and Accounting Service office or legal assistance office. The Inter- nal Revenue Service Web site, www.irs.gov, can provide full details, forms and guidance. Click on "Earned Income Credit," Pub- lication 596; or "Your Income Tax," IRS Publication 17; or enter "Earned Income Credit" into the site's search engine box.

Members who believe they qualify for advance monthly cred- it payments this year should fill out IRS Form W-5, available at installation DFAS offices or on the IRS Web site, Emswiler said.

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# Audie Murphy Club inducts new members

*By Christopher Selmek*  
*19th PAD*

The Sergeant Audie Mur- phy Club inducted 13 new mem- bers in a ceremony at Riley's Con- ference Center on April 9.

Sergeant Audie Murphy, who fought in World War II, was the most decorated soldier to ever serve in the Army. The club was formed in honor of him in order to recognize particularly honorable Non-Commissioned Officers. The new inductees were: Sgt. 1st

Class William K. Allen, Co. B, 70th Eng. Bn.; Sgt. 1st Class Eva M. Pearson, Co A., 1st PSB; Sgt. 1st Class Mary E. Turnbough, Det. B, 1st Fin; Sgt. 1st Class Richard Wilson, Jr., 2nd Bn (TS)(AV), 291st Reg; Staff Sgt. Tamika Anderson, Co. B, 1st PSB; Staff Sgt. William F. Engel, Co. A, 1st PSB; Staff Sgt. Thomas C. Greene, Btry B, 1st Bn., 5th FA; Staff Sgt. Jason F. Hart, 331st Signal Co.; Staff Sgt. Andrew B. Johnson, 331st Signal Co.; Staff Sgt. Matthew Presley, HHB, 1st Bn., 5th FA; Staff Sgt. Curtis

Stewart, Co. A, 2-70th AR; Sgt. Dana Nicholson, U.S. Army MEDDAC; and Sgt. Christopher Thompson, U.S. Army MED- DAC.

"It feels good that they feel I have the values and traits to become part of a club like that," said Sgt. 1st Class Mary Turn- bough.

She said that she encourages her soldiers to go in front of boards and continue to advance their careers, and this, for her, was a way of leading by example.

The Dr. Mary E. Walker Award

was also given to three soldier's spouses at the ceremony for their excellence in volunteering pro- grams.

Award recipients were:

Arlene Nordstrom, wife of 1st Sgt. Fred Nordstrom; Virginia T. Wallace, wife of Col. Arthur Wallace and Patricia Webb, wife of Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Webb.

"I was surprised," said Virginia Wallace, Dr. Mary E. Walker Award recipient. "I just like to volunteer and do what needs to be done, and I never expected any- thing like this."

## Federal Children's Scholarship deadline soon

Scholarship applications for the 2002/2003 academic year from the Federal Children's Scholarship Fund are now avail- able on their website.

The two-page application, along with instructions and a list- ing of all necessary scholarship

requirements can be downloaded from <http://www.fedscholar- ships.org>.

Completed applications for the 2002/2003 academic year are due by June 1. All scholarship awards will be announced on or before Aug. 31.

The Federal Children's Schol- arship Fund is a non-profit organi- zation offering college scholar- ships to the children of current and former federal employees, as well as to the children of active duty and former members of the U.S. military.

Also available for downloading is the 2002 Federal Children's Scholarship Handbook loaded with tips for paying for college.

For more details, visit the Fed- eral Children's Scholarship Fund's website at <http://www.fedscholar- ships.org>.

## Fort Riley open house offers variety June 1

The public-at-large is invited to step within the boundaries of America's Army, June 1 for Fort Riley's Open House. The free event will demonstrate what the Army and Fort Riley do for the nation, community and its citi- zens.

### Main Attractions

"Own the Night" - Interactive Night Vision Exhibit  
\* Wear night vision goggles while entering a darkened world complete with obstacles, map reading challenges and observa- tion points

### Simulated Battle Engagement

\* Enter the Close Combat Tac- tical Trainer and man an M1 Abrams and M2 Bradley weapons system  
\* Engage in simulated battle scenarios

### Operational Forces Display

\* Land Warrior, Objective Force Warrior, and Future Sol- dier.

\* Soldiers dressed and equipped in futuristic combat gear will demonstrate systems capabilities designed for high tech battle

### Weapons Firing Course

\* Handle an array of military weapons  
\* Fire machine guns utilizing

belts of blank ammunition

### Laser Assault Course

\* Use the Army's laser engagement system  
\* Test your skills in this realis- tic training course used to pre- pare infantry for battle.

### Tactical vehicle, aircraft and weapons displays

\* Interactive displays of mili- tary equipment  
\* M1A1 Abrams tank, Bradley Fighting Vehicle, Humvees, Blackhawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters, Paladin artillery plat- forms and more

### Air Force Flyover

\* Combat aircraft flyovers throughout the day.  
Emergency Equipment Dis- plays

\* Police response teams  
\* Military working dogs  
\* Kansas Highway Patrol rollover  
\* Bomb disposal robotics  
\* Fire rescue

### Veterans' Tent - Take a walk through history

\* WWII, Korea, Vietnam and Desert Storm displays  
\* Reunite with fellow veterans  
\* Get acquainted with Ameri- ca's veterans and reminisce with them as they share their stories  
\* Sign the banner that will be

sent to the Pentagon

Kid's activities  
\* Carnival rides  
\* Pony rides  
\* Mini-obstacle course  
\* Camouflage face painting  
\* Petting zoo

### Fort Riley Honor Guard

\* Living history mid-1800s cavalry encampment  
\* Demonstrations of equestri- an skills and saber drills

### Tours of Fort Riley's Historic District

\* Self-guided walking tour of historic Main Post

\* U.S. Cavalry Museum  
\* Custer House  
\* Ribbon cutting of the Con- stabulary Museum  
\* Outdoor historic vehicle dis- play Old Thunder - vintage can- non, WWII Willy's Jeep, Armored Personnel Carrier and more.

### Expo Hall featuring a look at

\* Soldier training and readi- ness  
\* Support links for soldiers and their families  
\* Diverse quality of life pro- grams and activities  
\* Community partnership agencies

### Concessions

\* Variety of food and bever- ages throughout post

\* Fest Tent  
\* Face Painting  
\* Souvenirs

### Recruiters

\* Active, Army Reserve, National Guard and ROTC  
\* Interactive displays and attractions

Parking for vehicles without Department of Defense decals will be available at Marshall Army Air Field, exit 301 off I-70.

Handicap parking and assis- tance will be available.

Parking for vehicles with DoD stickers will be available at Camp Forsyth near the Commis- sary.

Shuttle buses will continuous- ly transport visitors to and from the parking areas and the Expo Center on the historic Main Post and to and from the Tactical Trainer Center on Custer Hill.

All Army installations have increased their security levels; therefore it is important to carry a photo ID at all times.

Additionally, bags may be subject to search and coolers will not be allowed.







# Briefs

tary benefit. The commissary can stretch your paycheck. The commissary is not just for married people! The commissary is a place for singles to save money too!

Try it, You'll like it! Find out more about Commissary Awareness Month by checking out DeCA's Web site [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) in May for online hopping spree, what's on sale, and other Commissary Awareness Month news.

Find out what's happening at your local commissary through the "locations" link.

A list of scholarship winners will be posted at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) on or about May 10.

### Commander's Address

The Garrison Commander's Address to the civilian workforce will be on May 14 at Patton Hall, building 200. There will be two sessions, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Bus transportation will be provided, with pick-up points at division headquarters, building 500; Irwin Army Hospital, building 600, at the flag pole entrance; DCA, building 7264 and DOL, building 7836. Buses will depart from the pick-up points at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. For individuals with special needs, assistance will be provided. Please call Ginny Davenport at 239-6047 on or before May 10.

### Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop wants your yard sale leftovers!! Due to the postwide yard sale tomorrow, the Thrift Shop will not be open as regularly scheduled. Instead, the Thrift Shop will be open May 11, to accept consignments and donations of your leftover yard sale items. Hours that day will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. with consignments accepted from 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thrift Shop regular hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Consignments are taken on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and on open Saturdays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The shop is located in building 667, on Stuart Ave., near the stables. Volunteers are needed during business hours to help tag and put donations on the shelves.

Childcare reimbursement is available. Please call 784-3874 for more information.

The Thrift Shop e-mail address is [thrifft@oz-online.net](mailto:thrifft@oz-online.net), for customer questions or concerns.

### OCSC Luncheon

OCSC May Luncheon is on the May 16, at 11 a.m. The luncheon will be held at Riley's Event Center. Call with your choice of menu and childcare needs by the May 9.

The program will be the induction of board members for 2002-2003. Come out and support the last luncheon for this year!

There will no longer be 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's on Saturdays. There will be three Sunday Masses offered on post: 9:15 a.m. at Morris Hill, 11 a.m. at St. Mary's and 6 p.m. at Kapaun Chapel. There is a 5:15 p.m. Saturday Mass available in Junction City at

### St. Xavier's. New OB Class

The New OB Class is held every Tuesday from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., in Ward 3B of Irwin Army Community Hospital (IACH). A positive pregnancy test is required before scheduling your attendance of the New OB Class. Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier or military dependent, are welcome to attend. Expectant mothers will be introduced to the IACH OB/GYN staff members, fill out their OB charts, review medical and genetic history with an OB/GYN staff member and will also be provided information on available resources offered on the Fort Riley post or local communities.

The New OB Class is not a labor and delivery class. To schedule your attendance of the New OB Class, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or dial the toll-free number 1-888-874-9378.

### Pregnancy Physical Training

Pregnancy Physical Training (PT) is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on the basketball court at Long Fitness Center, 8069 Normandy Dr., from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. The program is designed to serve the special needs of the pregnant soldier by providing appropriate physical training and a health education program. Pregnancy PT supports the Fort Riley units by offering consistent health guidance for pregnant soldiers.

Every Tuesday there is an hour-long education program held in the Education Bay, fourth floor of Irwin Army Community Hospital (IACH), from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

Short presentations by health care staff members cover a variety of topics, such as infant car seats, skincare during pregnancy and the common discomforts of pregnancy. Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier are welcome to attend. Participation in the Pregnancy PT program is encouraged, although participation is not mandatory.

For more information, call Sgt. Carrie M. Jensen, 2nd Platoon, 568th Engineer Company at 239-5827 or leave a message at (785)762-7012.

### TRICARE Optometry Benefit

Irwin Army Community Hospital (IACH) anticipates a provider shortage in Optometry this summer. Until the incoming Optometrist arrives at IACH, there will be fewer patient appointments. An alternative health care choice is to use the TRICARE Optometry benefit. All TRICARE Prime active duty family members, between the ages of three and 64, are eligible for a routine annual eye exam at no cost. TRICARE Prime retirees and their family members (between the ages of three and 64) are eligible for an eye exam every two years at no cost.

An Optometrist in the TRICARE network must provide the eye exam or the beneficiary assumes full financial responsibility. Active duty soldiers must receive their eye exams at IACH. Prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses are not covered by TRICARE, except under very limited circumstances.

For questions or a list of TRICARE network Optometrists, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200, Option four or visit the TRICARE Service Center on the fifth floor of the hospital.

### Youth Volunteers Needed

The Fort Riley Chapter of the American Red Cross is looking for youth volunteers ages 13 to 18, who would like to help their community and learn something in the process, while fulfilling community service requirements for school. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work at Irwin Army Community Hospital and other areas on Fort Riley. If you would like to be a member of the team, please come and sign up at the Fort Riley Red Cross office. The office is now located in the Soldier/Family Support Center, building 7264, on Custer Hill. It is very important that you bring your parents, as they must sign for their permission for you to work in the presence of a Red Cross worker. You may not take the forms home to bring back later. The deadline is May 31. The office will be open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call Anita Watson at 762-4145, or Sharon Rose at the Red Cross office, 239-1887.

### Wall comes to Salina

Run For The Wall was started in 1989 as an effort by a couple of Vietnam Veterans who traveled across the heartland of America on motorcycles to promote awareness that we have thousands of men and women still unaccounted for from all of our wars. Every May, the group leaves California and travels to Washington, D.C., to arrive at the Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Day. Participants join the group all along the way and it has grown over the years to two routes. The Central Route stops in Salina, Kan., on May 19, in Thomas Park.

The group will arrive 5 - 6 p.m. There are usually 250 motorcycles and 15-20 trail vehicles. The group leaves Salina about 8 a.m. May 20 and hits Marshall Army Airfield about 9 - 9:15 a.m. Each year well wishers with flags gather on the overpass to recognize the group as it goes by. This year, the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in Salina, May 13-19, with displays and programs every night. On May 17 there will be a special program for women veterans. Anyone requesting more information can contact Bonnie Templeton at 239-3382/776-4305.

### Reunion planned

The 547th Engineer Battalion Association is holding its 16th annual reunion Aug. 1-4, in Fort Mitchell, Ky. Active duty, retired and honorably discharged personnel are welcome to attend. Call Nelson Reinhart at 513-752-8545 or Ursula Allen at 253-582-4649, for more details.

### The Shoppe

The Shoppe is full of spring inventory. The many crafters displaying their works in The Shoppe have been busy making new items. The Shoppe continues to carry antiques, watercolors of different scenes at Fort Riley, lots of Americana, hand made pottery, wreaths, and numerous wood crafting items. The Shoppe is located in building 259, on Stuart Ave. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Call 785-239-2783 for more

information.

### Music nights weekly

Sports USA has begun offering weekly music theme nights. Dance music Friday nights will transition to the Latin Night format beginning at 11 p.m. Dance music Saturday nights will transition to the urban and hip-hop "Late Night with Monroe" show also beginning at 11 p.m.

### Use ICE

Tell us what you think! Use ICE to provide feedback on a wide range of services provided at Fort Riley. The ICE system has grown since we implemented it in November 2001. You can now comment on recreational, educational, training, housing, guest lodging, shopping, military finance, dining facilities, information management, facility maintenance, logistical and personnel support services. There are cur-

rently 109 services on which you can comment and we are continuing to add new areas for your feedback on a regular basis. Your feedback helps to insure that we deliver quality services throughout the installation. You can access ICE to make your comments by clicking on the ICE logo on the Fort Riley Homepage ([www.riley.army.mil](http://www.riley.army.mil)) or by going to the main ICE Homepage at <http://ice.disa.mil> and clicking on Fort Riley. ICE can be accessed from ANY computer with internet-access. Your questions or suggestions regarding ICE should be directed to the Strategic Planning Office, phone 239-2540 or e-mail [SPO@riley.army.mil](mailto:SPO@riley.army.mil).

### NAF job fairs

The NAF personnel division will sponsor a job fair at Riley's Conference Center on May 15. Contact the Fort Riley CPAC NAF office at (785) 239-2325 for additional information.

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# Make preparations in advance when moving from post housing

Summer is approaching, and with it comes the time of year when many families will be moving to new duty stations. The key to a successful move is planning. To help you prepare, the housing office holds quarters' pre-termination briefings at 2 p.m. every Tuesday. This briefing is presented by Housing's inspectors and is designed to teach you what you need to know to successfully clear quarters on the first try. There is also written information available on how to clear quarters that can be obtained from the Housing Services office 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., duty days.

Prior to scheduling your appointment with the housing office, schedule your household goods pick-up date with the trans-

portation office. This is essential to ensure you leave enough time to clean the quarters prior to your termination appointment.

How much time you need to clean quarters depends on the method you use to clean quarters.

Fort Riley has three options for cleaning quarters that are available to all residents. The first, and cheapest, is to clean your quarters yourself. This is not difficult, as we have reasonable standards, however it does take time. You should plan at least three days to clean quarters. I recommend that you start cleaning before your household goods are out of the house. This minimizes the time you will have to stay in lodging.

The second option is to hire one of the local cleaning teams to clean on your behalf. The housing office maintains a list of local firms and individuals who clean quarters

as a business. This option is the middle of the three options in terms of costs, and allows you to terminate your quarters earlier than cleaning it yourself. I recommend that you call several and have them visit your house to give you a bid. Their prices are flexible and their costs depend on how much cleaning is required. The forms for contracting with one of these local teams are available at Housing if

you choose this option. When you hire a local cleaning team, make sure their money order payment is turned in to Housing at least 24-hours prior to termination.

The third option is the most expensive. You can pay to have the Total Housing Maintenance contractor clean your quarters. This method is the most expensive, as the contract was priced for cleaning abandoned quarters. Abandoned quarters are generally in poor condition, and as a result, the cost to clean is high. Since the price is set by contract you lose the flexibility of negotiation. The

contract does allow some limited flexibility. Residents can pay for only the areas of their quarters to be cleaned, however, costs per type of area, no matter how clean, are fixed.

Consider your options carefully and make the choice that works best for you. Also, there are other tasks that residents must complete to clear quarters. These tasks include cleaning up the yard, to include mowing, trimming and edging; filling any holes in the yard and reseeding any damaged areas; returning all loaned items to Self-Help store; removing your RV from storage lot and returning the card key to Self-Help store and removing all exterior items

prior to termination to include storage sheds, dog houses, fences, satellite dishes and the like.

Finally please call in service orders as problems occur. This maintains your quality of life while you reside in quarters, as well as reducing the time needed to perform repairs between occupants, so we can get the next deserving family in sooner.

With the proper planning, your move can be quick and efficient so that you can proceed to your next assignment on schedule. Remember, begin preparing for your move early.

I hope you look back at Fort Riley with good memories and look forward to your next assignment with anticipation.

## DoD responds to Government of Georgia's request for "Train and Equip" program

### ARNEWS

The Department of Defense announced on April 29 the beginning of the Georgia Train and Equip program (GTEP).

This program implements President Bush's decision to respond to Government of Georgia's request for assistance to enhance its counter-terrorism capabilities and address the situation in the Pankisi Gorge. This effort will complement other counter-terrorism efforts around the globe and will increase stability in the Caucasus.

A flexible, time-phased training initiative, GTEP builds upon the strong military-to-military relationship developed between the two countries since the end of the Cold War, and further underscores U.S. support for Georgia's

sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

Selected members of SOCEUR will conduct the GTEP. A SOCEUR site survey team of approximately 20 people departed for Georgia on April 29 to coordinate GTEP logistical requirements. Included in the team are logistics, contracting, and communications personnel. Once this groundwork is accomplished, the main body of instructors will arrive, and the initial program of instruction will begin shortly thereafter.

The initial program will consist of command center staff training for members of the Georgian Ministry of Defense as well as staff training for units of the Land Forces Command. Border Guards and other Georgian security agencies will be included to ensure

interoperability among Georgia's security forces. The program's goal is to build strong and effective staff organizations capable of creating and sustaining standardized operating procedures, training plans, operational plans, and a property accounting system. In addition to staff training, tactical training will be provided sequentially and will consist of approxi-

mately 100 days per unit. The goal of the tactical program is to instruct Georgian battalions in light infantry tactics, to include platoon-level offensive and defensive operations and basic automobile tactics. The curriculum for the tactics training will include basic individual skills, such as combat lifesaver, radio operator procedures, land navigation, and

human rights education. It will also include individual combat skills, such as rifle marksmanship, individual movement techniques,

and squad and platoon tactics.

During GTEP, military equipment is slated for transfer to Georgia.

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# Fort Riley Sports

## Gunners take volleyball title

*Christopher Selmek*  
19th PAD

The 4th Battalion 1st Field Artillery "Gunners" captured the intramural volleyball championship by defeating the 924th MP Battalion 25-14 and 25-18 at King Field House Monday.

Derrick Drew of the Gunners said he felt that there was no doubt that the team would take the championship that day. "We'll just pretty much stay with our plan: good rotation," said Ron Briliante also on the Gunner team. The Gunners had been undefeated in both the regular season and the tournament.

"We'll win, there's no other option," said MP team captain Lynn Roll. "4-1's definitely got a great team." Roll said that the MPs had been second place only to the Gunners in the regular season.

"Sure, you've got to be concerned because their a good team," MP Jerry Reitar said, nodding to the Gunners. He added that there was no intimidation, and that his team was confident it would succeed.

Truly, the game must have begun with a surprise to the Gunners, who were used to flying away with a high score before any other team had a thought to catch up. The score progressed evenly, with neither side getting more than two points away from the other, and not for lack of trying.

Gunner Michael Saina took over as server and brought the score to 9-3, where it looked like it might stay.

The score was 14-7 in favor of the Gunners by the time Gunner Maverick Tuufuli furiously spiked the ball over the net, the first of many, which the Gunners typically scattered throughout the game.

Saina hit the ball out of bounds

and it went to the MPs while the score was 17-11, allowing MP Danise Chavis to step in with the serve.

"Her serve is killer," said MP Josh Flemming. Although, he said she was currently carrying a shoulder injury that might affect her performance.

Chavis scored only one point when some confusion ensued regarding the MP's rotation in the game, however. The Gunners began a bump and set drill to stay loose while the MP's gathered to the scorekeepers bench to debate the proper lineup.

When play resumed, Gunner server Hendri Ucook promptly brought the score to 23-12.

The MPs were reluctant to relinquish the ball while the first set was so close to finished. Despite an outstanding lay up when Chavis set the ball to Jonathan Pontius, who smacked it over the net, the ball was returned. After a few more seconds of play, Saina spiked the ball onto the opposing side, where it bounced off MP Vulio Flores and landed in the middle of the court, giving the first set to the Gunners.

Ucook felt that at this point the MPs were losing their motivation for the game, and would yield an easy second set for the Gunners. "We have a lot of hard hitters," commented Gunner Scott Knight.

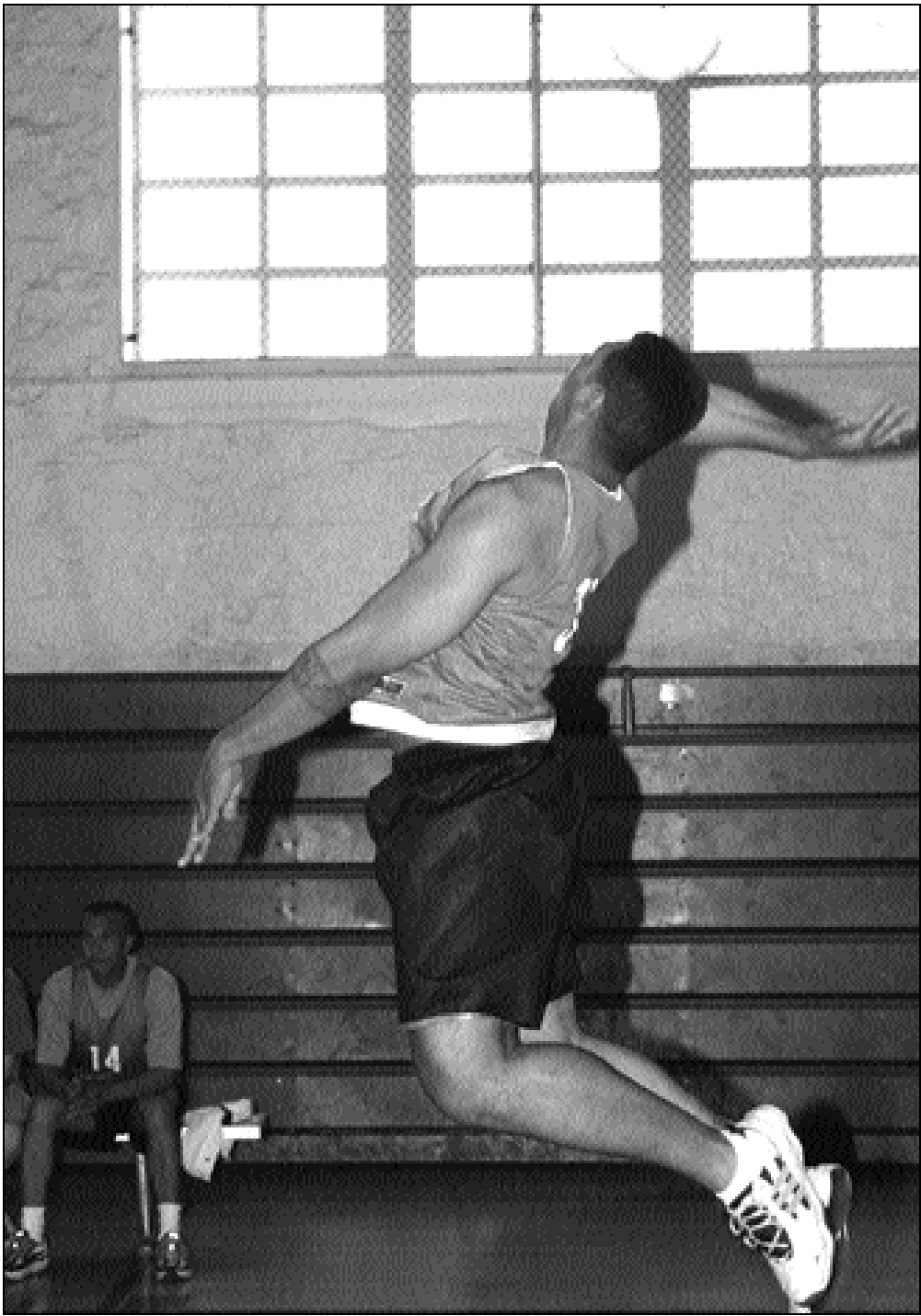
Yet the MPs were far from finished with their game.

"No silly mistakes," said MP Pat Tetrick. "We need more communication."

"They've underestimated us," said Roll.

The Gunners started out with the serve in the second set, but took too many hits on their side when it was returned. The MPs then lurched into a four-point lead.

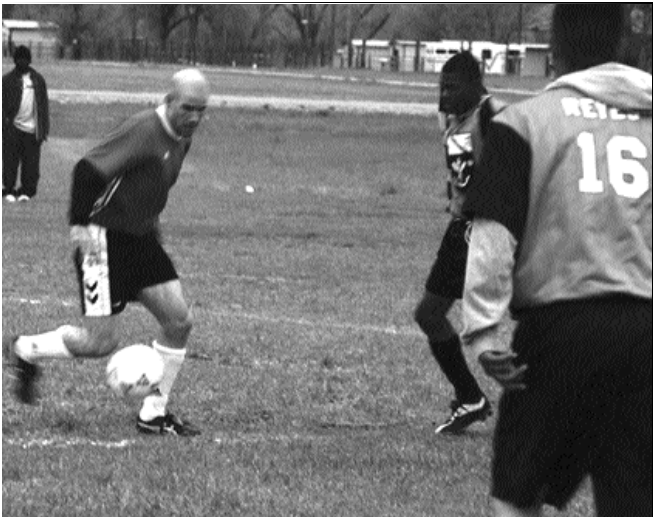
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Post/Heckler

Michael Saina of the Gunners goes vertical as he serves the ball against the 924th MP Bn., in the finals of the post volleyball tournament.

## Air Force beats 1st Engineer Die Hard team in soccer



Post/Selmek

An Air Force team member, Micah Lapointe dribbles the ball in a close 6-4 game Friday. The Air Force won the game 4-2 on penalty kicks, after ending regulation tied at two.

*Christopher Selmek*

19th PAD

The Air Force defeated the 1st Engineer Battalion "Die Hards" 6-4 at Infantry Parade Field April 26 in a closely matched, drawn out soccer game.

The Air Force won the game 4-2 on penalty kicks, after ending regulation tied at two.

Before the game the Air Force thought they had a strong chance of winning.

"Yeah, I think we can take them," said Air Force player Thomas D'vante, "We just got to get warned up."

The first goal was made very early in the game.

Die Hard's defensive wall pushed the ball near to the Air Force goal. Just two minutes into the game, Die Hard player Eldon Beckford broke through the Air Force's ranks and scored a hard kick directly into the goal.

Play moved back toward the Air Force goal after the kick off, but the Air Force team moved the ball onto the Die Hard zone and kept it there for most of the game.

Air Force player Mike Lodyga rushed toward the goalie and slipped the ball by him, tying the game at one.

The two teams were evenly matched and fought for control of the ball as it weaved from end to end of the field. Die Hard Adrian Gonzalez rushed into the goal from the corner before defenders could position themselves and scored the final goal of the first half to give them a 2-1 lead.

The Die Hards mistakenly thought the game was over at halftime.

"Air Force isn't winning anything today," said David Noble of the Die Hards. "We're going to score four or five more goals before this is over."

Air Force tried to work out the kinks on offense during halftime.

"Our offensive guys keep trying to score rather than get a good position," said Jason Hennessy of Air Force.

The engineers moved the ball closer to the Air Force goal and kicked the ball for an apparent goal. The referees ruled that the ball was trapped in the netting behind the goal rather than in it.

The goalie dropkicked the ball halfway across the field, and it never reached the Air Force side again. The airmen pressured the Die Hard goal and push the ball through the defense, tying the game at two.

Time ran out and left the game to be decided by penalty kicks. The airmen won 4-2 on penalty kicks.

"We had a really stressful day at work. Winning is just a stress reliever I suppose," said Air Force player Micah Lapointe.

"We played a good game; it's just some bad luck in the last ten seconds," said Beckford.

## Ticks can mean trouble

*By Bill Wildman*

IACH

Ticks are very important disease vectors throughout most of the world. For the better part of 100 years, humans have known that ticks can cause some very serious illnesses. If the Fort Riley area goes through a mild winter, this will cause an abundant tick population, and the risk for disease transmission is present at Fort Riley.

You can think of a tick as the ultimate Abrams tank of the arthropod world. Ticks are among the most efficient of all vectors. They are capable of causing paralysis through neurotoxic salivary secretions or transmitting viruses, bacteria and protozoa. They attach firmly to the skin, feed slowly on blood and often go unnoticed. All this and some ticks can live 20-25 years; go long periods without food; lay thousands of eggs and withstand extreme environmental stresses. Some species are even capable of transmitting pathogens to their offspring through their eggs. If you combine all these factors, you have a vector with great potential to transmit disease.

In Kansas, there are about 20 species of ticks. Fortunately, only a few species bite humans. The Lone Star Tick (*Amblyomma americanum*) and the American Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*) account for most of the tick bites on Fort Riley. Both have the potential for transmitting disease.

In the last 10 or so years, tick borne diseases have accounted for 95 percent of the vector-borne infections in the United States reported to the Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Ga. The vector-infections are: Lyme Disease; Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; Human Ehrlichiosis; Tularemia and Colorado Tick Fever.

Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever seem to get the most attention in this area, of which Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is the most deserving.

Lyme Disease is caused by a corkscrew-shaped bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*. It is now the most commonly reported tick-borne disease in the United States. Lyme Disease can cause such nonspecific symptom as fever, malaise, fatigue, muscle aches and joint aches. Diagnosis of Lyme Disease is based on a number of things, history of tick bite or exposure, symptoms and particularly a "bull's-eye" shaped rash around the site of the tick bite. If a person is treated promptly, results are positive and the risk of later complications is sharply reduced.

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## Spiny, soft-shelled turtle, elk, deer part of new educational displays

*Gibran Suleiman*

DES Conservation

The Directorate of Environment and Safety's conservation division office has made a couple of additions recently. The most noticeable is a new 75-gallon fish aquarium that sits in the front lobby. The aquarium is currently stocked with different types of stream fish that are found in creeks on Fort Riley. It also has a chelonian resident living in it.

The species of turtle called a spiny soft-shell turtle has been

worms and crayfish.

There is also a new addition on the wall to go along with the existing cow elk and tom turkey mounts. A magnificent white tail deer buck, scoring 214 non-typical, now graces the office. If big

### On the Wildside:

antlers are your thing, you will also want to check out the new "Wall of Fame" display. It consists of pictures of some of the largest deer and elk harvested on Fort Riley. We will be adding new pictures to it as we get them

monly called "clams") that can be found in the rivers and streams on post.

A new display that some might choose to avoid is the new snake display. It is located in the break room of the conservation division

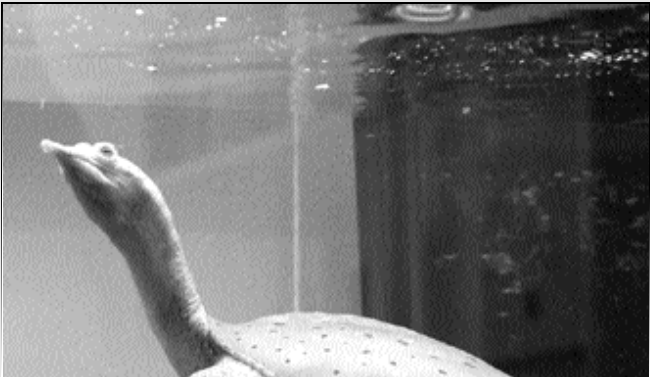
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office. It currently houses three species of snakes, all of which are found on Fort Riley. One of them, the Copperhead, is a venomous species. By having it on display, we are giving soldiers and their families the opportunity to be

including posters, wildlife word searches and animal fact sheets.

Everyone is encouraged to come by our office and check out the new displays. If you have children, be sure to bring them also. Our office, building 1020, is the first office on the right side of the road when you enter from the Ogden gate, directly across the north-west corner of Camp Funston. Our office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you have any questions please call 239-6211.

Just a reminder, Fort Riley is still at a heightened security posture. Persons coming on post to



# Ticks

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Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is a febrile disease caused by the small bacteria Rickettsia rickettsii. This disease is characterized by a sudden onset of chills, fever, headache, muscle pain and blood shot eyes. The name "spotted fever" comes from a rash that appears on the hands and feet, and gradually extends to the rest of the body. Diagnosis of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever can be confirmed through blood tests. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Human Ehrlichiosis and Lyme Disease respond to treatment, therefore, early diagnosis and treatment are important. Lack of treatment can have quite an adverse effect on

your quality of life. Human monocytic ehrlichiosis (HME) is a disease caused by small, rickettsia-like, bacterial pathogen. HME is the most recent tick-borne disease discovered, with the first case of human ehrlichiosis in the United States in 1986. Since then, over 27 states have diagnosed patients with this disease, including Kansas. Fever, headache, severe muscle aches, fatigue, chills and nausea are symptoms of human ehrlichiosis that begin one to 21 days following infection. The symptoms resemble those of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. The spectrum of the disease ranges anywhere

from an illness so mild that no medical attention is sought, to a severe life-threatening condition. The best way of preventing Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever or other tick-borne diseases is to avoid tick-infested areas. If you are a service member, this is easier said than done. If your job causes you to enter tall grass or low shrubs, wear your uniform in the proper way. A service member should blouse the BDU pants into boots and have the BDU sleeves rolled down. Use Permethrin on your uniform and apply DEET repellent to exposed skin. DEET 33 percent formulas are the most

effective for adults. Parents should check labels for appropriate milder formulations for children. Clothing should be treated with permethrin, sold as Permanone. Permethrin is the most effective clothing impregnant available. It is odorless, nonirritating, and resistant to washing and wear abrasion. Check yourself for ticks frequently and use the buddy system. Unless you are a dog or a cat reading this, do not use flea and tick collars. They contain different kinds of pesticides, some of which have adverse effects to humans. Stop by the Preventive Medicine Service office and look

at a photo of flea and tick collar misuse, it will change your mind about wearing them. Remove ticks immediately with fine-tipped tweezers, grasping the tick as close to the point of attachment as possible and pulling slowly, teasing it off. Contrary to popular belief, they do not unscrew. Do not use heat from a cigarette, match, vaseline, nail polish remover or nail polish to remove the tick. This could cause the tick to expel its stomach contents into you like a syringe, possibly transmitting disease organisms.

The bite should be cleaned like

any wound with soap and water - especially if the mouth parts remain. Wash hands with soap and water after handling ticks, since fluid from ticks may be infected. Save the tick in a jar or vial and call Preventive Medicine Service at 239-7516. The Environmental Health Technicians can identify what type of tick it is and enter the information into your medical record. Remember, not all species of ticks transmit disease. Identification of the tick may greatly facilitate the physician's diagnosis in cases of tick-borne diseases.

# Gunners

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The Gunners served again when a bump from Gunner Amasia Pousima went high into the afters and landed forcefully in the middle of the MP's side. They were able to tie the score at 5-5 before Gunner Saina, attempting to spike the ball, bounced it off the net back into his own court. Pontius gained the serve, raising the score to 10-6, in their favor, before MP Dan Lorenzon lived to the floor but failed to return a set over the net. The Gunners made a slight change to their lineup, losing 13-1 at the time, when Jose Nevarez was pulled off the bench to replace Maverick Tuufuli. Never before had the Gunners been behind in this game, and this substitution only seemed to indicate that they were feeling some stress. Nevarez was next to serve for the Gunners, who turned things around and brought the Gunners into the lead at 17-13. The MPs gained control of the ball, but lost it without scoring any points and Gunner Vulio Florez stepped up to the serve. At this point some complaints were heard from the MP bench, disputing many of the referees calls. The MPs were upset

because of several calls that they had gone over the net, yet there was some dispute as to whether the Gunners were doing the same. After the game, MP Jerry Reitar said, "We're just complaining, it's part of the game." Finally MP Pat Tetrick put a stop to the scoring spurt by perfectly timing a jump to block another spike, sending it back over the net. Unfortunately, the MPs did not hold on to the ball long enough to make more than the initial point. Gunner Saina served next, and brought the score to 24-16 before losing the ball. The MPs knew that if they were going to win the game it would have to be on their next server. Lorenzon was up to serve, intent on his task despite the overwhelming odds. His first serve was good and scored them point 18, but the second went long and hit out of bounds. One point was immediately given to the Gunners, who took the game and the championship. "We always win! We never lost a game!" said Saina, whose devastating spikes had been a major point earner throughout the season.

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## Thrift Shop First stop for bargain hunters

**Jason Shepherd**  
*19th Public Affairs Detachment*

Most people in the Fort Riley community like to save money when they hop.

Whether it's for that replacement couch or clothing for a growing baby, it's nice for those looking for a cheap place to shop to find one. And one where good serviceable items can be found at reasonable prices. There happens to be such a place right here, and hundreds of people have already discovered the wonders of the Fort Riley Thrift Shop.

"(The Thrift Shop) gives me, the consumer, the opportunity to shop for very low prices and it's a wonderful facility to visit," said Laura Gross. "I also come to the Thrift Shop because it's a great supporter for the installation."

According to Thrift Shop chairperson, Amanda Bunce, the Thrift Shop, a non-profit organization, benefits the community by putting profits right back into Fort Riley.

"During the past year, we've donated money to Operation Santa Claus, the YMCA, the Red Cross, the Combined Scholarship Committee and Club Beyond," she said. "We've also given stuffed animals to nursing homes and donated furniture to needy soldiers."

Besides stuffed animals and furniture, the Thrift Shop, sells many items that families need. Clothing, video games, movies, books, CD's and tapes, housewares and crafts, are just a few of the hundreds of items offered by the shop.

"My favorite part is the children's clothes," Gross said. "I have a couple of grandchildren and I always find wonderful bargains for them."

These bargains get into the Thrift Shop two different ways, donations and consignments.

Donations come from those looking to get rid of unwanted items. People looking to donate items can drop them off anytime Tuesday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or the first Saturday of each month 10 a.m. - 1p.m. There is also a donation box located at the rear of the store.

Consignments are items that people want to sell through the shop. The seller

will ask a price, and get 70 percent of the money when the item is sold. The Thrift Shop gets the rest, which it gives back to the community. Consignments are taken on Tuesdays, 10a.m. - 1 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

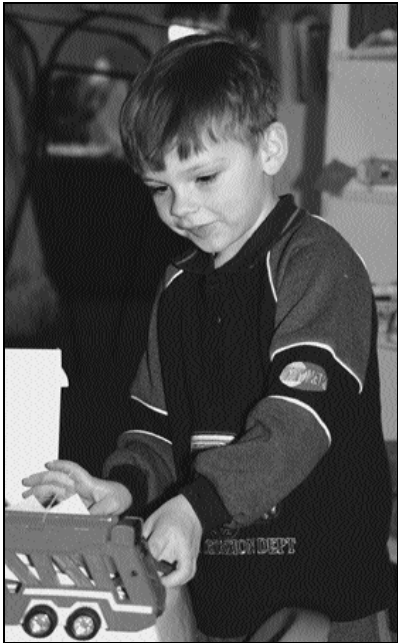
Even though the shop isn't open all week, it still needs volunteers to help it run.

"We are looking for volunteers to help price and tag the items and help redecorate the shop," Bunce said. "We also need them to help the employees with the customers. The volunteers are really taken care of here. We reimburse for child care and do volunteer luncheons."

"I like to do volunteer work," said Clemencia Gauna, a volunteer worker at the Thrift Shop. "Especially because it's something I do for the community of Fort Riley, and you get great benefits. You get first choice of the items that come in, and it's a lot of fun working with the employees here."

The shop is always looking for more items. According to Bunce, furniture, electronics, new movies, books, summer

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Andrea Cockrell, manager of the Thrift Shop, (above) puts clothing out on the racks for sale. New merchandise arrives often for shoppers to look through. Kayin Crook, 4, (left) tries out several toys available for sale at the Fort Riley Thrift Shop. There is a large selection of toys, for all ages, to choose from.

## Volunteer of year still hard at work

**By Jeremy Heckler**  
*19th PAD*

Volunteers help make the community they live in better, by giving their time and energy to community organizations. A few kind words are the only recognition many receive. One Fort Riley volunteer received more for her hard work.

Fort Riley recognized Lori Perry for all of her work by naming her the post volunteer of the year at Riley's Conference Center on April 29.

The post honored Perry for her work as Mayor of Montith/O'Donnell Heights as well as her volunteer work as a member of the Army Family Action Plan, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Family Readiness Group, the Officer's and Civilian Spouses Club and as a volunteer Sunday school teacher at Morris Hill Chapel.

Before coming to Fort Riley almost three years ago, Perry volunteered in the family readiness group for her husband's units. Perry said she first became involved as a volunteer because someone asked her to.

"Someone came up to me and asked me to run for mayor," said Perry. "Then another person saw my name on the sign and said 'you like to get involved' and asked if I'd help teach Sunday School and asked Barb (Barbara Toner) if

a recorder for the Army Family Action Plan Seminar on post fell out, Perry filled in for the reporter and moved on to forge the Forces Command Army Family Action Plan.

As mayor, Perry helped plan spring and winter clean-up for her housing areas and involved sponsor units as well as taught classes to other mayors, said Young.

In addition to her work for the post, Perry opens her houses to families new to her husband's unit or to the neighborhood. "My husband and I make it our policy to invite new families over so they have someone to call and give them a nice transition to life here at Fort Riley," said Perry.

When Perry and her family first came to Fort Riley, neighbors pitched in to help her husband while she was in the hospital with their second child, she said.

"When we first moved on post, I had complications with my daughter and I was sent to a hospital in Topeka, and neighbors I hadn't even met before pitched in to help my husband with the kids," said Perry.

Perry also said her family has been very supportive of her.

"My kids are very patient if Mommy has a meeting," she said, adding that her husband helps her by giving up time during the week and by coming in during the day to watch their children if her babysitter falls through and she needs to attend a meeting.

"We do a lot together as a family, so I'm not cheating them when

to each activity she tackles.

"She's a very giving person and doesn't hesitate to do a job," said Barbara Toner, who works with Perry in Sunday school. "She always volunteers to do more with a smile."

Perry said her work isn't special, but representative of the work of others.

She said "I couldn't do what I do if other volunteers didn't do what they do."



## Festivities continue for military children

**By Jason Shepherd**  
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Approximately 3,500 parents and kids rode ponies, watched a puppet show and played with clowns during this year's "Month of the Military Child" festival on Saturday at the Youth Center on Fort Riley.

"This was great," said Pam Brown, a mother attending the festivities. "Not only was it fun, but it was very educational."

Youth Services puts on the festivities every year in order to celebrate the lives of the military child. This year, the center had 24 booths for the ceremony, some which included the Fort Riley Firefighters, Geary County Infant and Toddlers, Girl and Boy Scouts, Family Advocacy Program, AIDS prevention and the Teen Center. There were also many activities for the kids to experience, such as a petting zoo, puppet show, trampolines and a magic show.

"It went really, really well," said Jill O'Sullivan, Director of Youth Services. "We had a great turn out and so far, I've got a lot of positive comments. I think that the (Youth Center) classes we have will grow in attendance after seeing the martial arts and the dance team perform."

This is the 11th year Youth Services have put on this festival. The center puts the celebration on the last Saturday of every April and according to O'Sullivan, putting it on every year is a huge undertaking.

"We set this up way in advance," she said. "We have to start booking year round to get some of the bigger names. We also start decorating the gym two weeks before and set up the gym about a week prior."

The day started as the Junction City High School Junior ROTC raised the flag outside the Youth Center. After that, the fun moved indoors with JROTC students putting on a drill team presentation and a puppet show. Clowns roamed the crowd, performing tricks and handing out balloons. Many of the booths gave out candy and toys along with educational information, like what to do in case of a fire or how to take care of your teeth.

"There was so much for the kids to do," said Mary Smith, mother of Devin, 5. "The whole festival was packed with educational and fun things for the kids to participate in. I especially like the firefighters display because it's important for the kids to



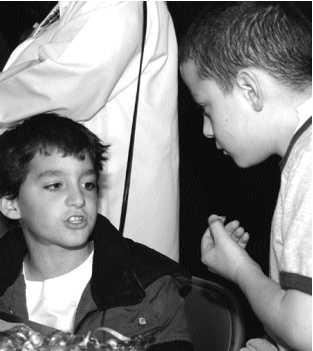


# Ware Society Fair teaches value of dollar

Jason Shepherd  
19th PAD

Hannah Mitchell stood behind her counter, fielding questions from a huge group of perspective buyers. Her shop had only been open for a couple of minutes, and all ready her product was selling fast. Her product was a huge hit, and she was happy that her and her partner were going to make a lot of money.

But unfortunately, this isn't a hop on Rodeo Drive or in New York City, and the money made here isn't going to pay her rent or buy a car. Nine-year-old Hannah,



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**Zackaryah Hughes, 8, haggles over the price for his chocolate lace with a perspective buyer at the Ware Elementary School Society Fair on April 19.**

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Next year we will add a couple of big tents outside to expand a little. There was such a huge response, so we're hoping to make more room."

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Clothes and baby items are just a few of the things needed to keep the store going.

"If you name it, we pretty much take it, as long as it's in good working order," she said.

Not only will shopping at the Fort Riley Thrift Shop help the community, it's a great way for young families to start furnishing their home and clothe children at

a fair price said Bunce.

"Buying these items benefits the soldiers and their families," she said. "Particularly the young enlisted soldier who is just starting out. Things here are priced

reasonably and helps them save some money for their pockets."

To volunteer at the Thrift Store, call Amanda Bunce or Andrea Cockrell at 784-3874.

deal with money and how to work with others."

Students had to do research on what product the rest of the class would like to buy. They then took this data and made a graph and determined what product they would make for the fair. The students were also required to make commercials, advertising their products to the rest of the kids.

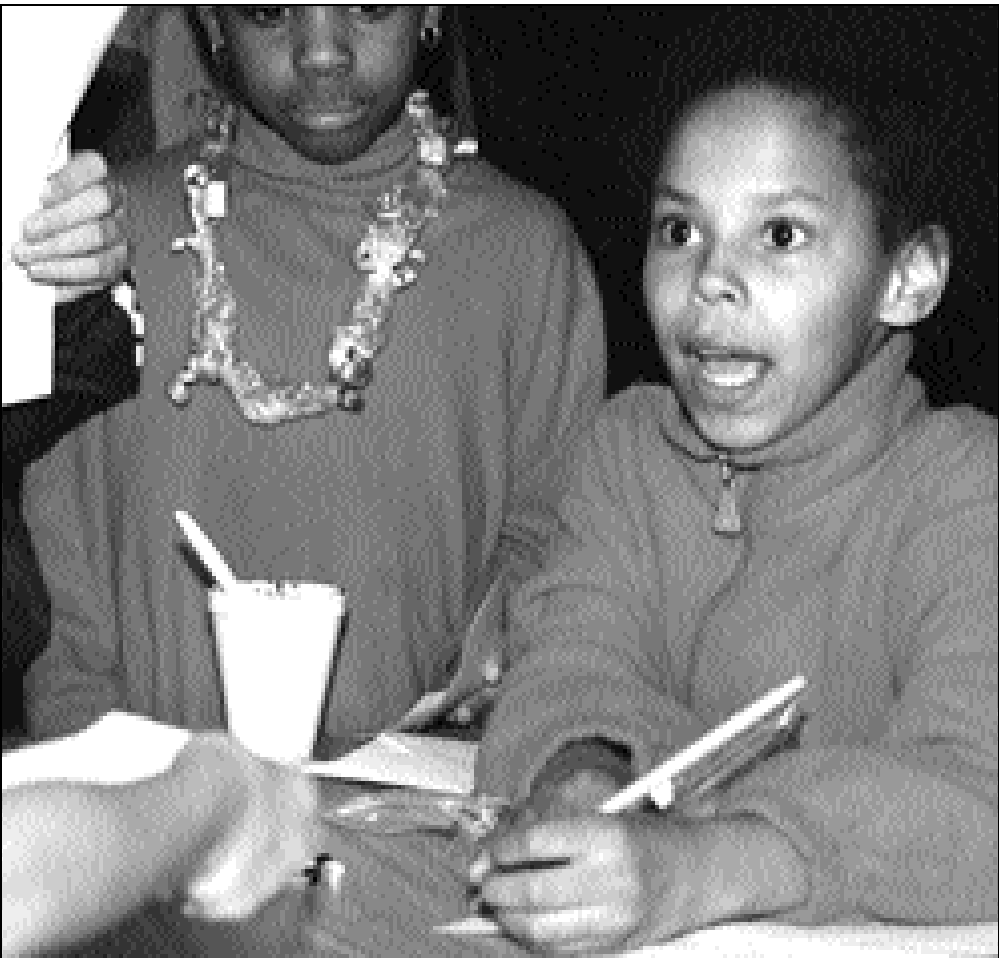
According to Brown, many different school subjects were tied into this fair.

"Students had to have math and research skills," Brown said. "They had to make a graph and use their problem-solving skills. And of course, they used social studies, not because we're reading about communities, but because we are a community."

According to Brown, the society fair almost didn't take place.

"We were afraid it would rain and the wind would blow the tents away," she said. "But a group of soldiers came out here and set up two tents for us." But luckily, the society fair did go off and everyone got to bring home a key chain or a piece of cake.

Hannah said she had fun selling her cookies to the rest of the third-grade class. Maybe selling her cookies now won't make her rich today, but with the skills learned during the society fair, she is on her way to owning her own business on Rodeo Drive tomorrow.



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**Dominique Lengston, 9, takes down orders for her product during the Society Fair at Ware Elementary School. During the hour-long fair, Althea Brown's class sold their products, ranging from key chains and charm bracelets, to cookies and cakes. Approximately 100 other third graders attended the fair.**

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